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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF EA ASST SECRETARY-DESIGNATE INGERSOLL:FRANCO/
US EXCHANGE CONCERNING EAST ASIA

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1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA HENRI FROMENT-MEURICE LOOKS FORWARDED TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE INGERSOLL ON JANUARY 16 AND 17. WE GATHER FROM REFTEL THAT CONVERSATIONS WILL BE INFORMAL AND PRIMARILY BETWEEN INGERSOLL AND FROMENT-MEURICE, WHO MAY INTRODUCE HIS PRINCIPAL COLLABORATORS.

2. WE SHALL BE DISCUSSING WITH FROMENT-MEURICE AND HIS DEPUTIES AN AGENDA WHICH ENCOMPASSES THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES, AND WILL REPORT RESULTS. DISCUSSIONS CAN COVER THE FULL RANGE OF EAST ASIAN PROBLEMS, BUT FRENCH WILL PROBABLY NOW, AS IN THE PAST, BE INTERESTED PRINCIPALLY IN CHINA AND INDOCHINA. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL ON THIS OCCASION TO DISCUSS JAPAN MORE THOROUGHLY AND, IN PARTICULAR, FRENCH VIEWS ON EC-NINE CONTACTS WITH JAPAN.

3. CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE QUAI AND PROBABLY DIVIDED INTO MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS. QUAI WOULD ARRANGE A SEPARATE MEETING BETWEEN INGERSOLL AND SECRETARY GENERAL GEOFFREY DE COURCEL. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE ASK QUAI TO ARRANGE FOR BRIEF MEETING

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BETWEEN INGERSOLL AND EMMANUEL DE MARGERIE, DIRECTOR

OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WHOSE OFFICE WORKS ON FRENCH POLICY
CONCERNING EC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

4. INGERSOLL PARTY WILL BE MET BY FSO MARK S. PRATT.
CHARGE INVITES INGERSOLLS TO BE HIS GUESTS AT HIS
RESIDENCE. HOTEL ROOM WILL BE ARRANGED FOR HELBLE AT
CRILLON.

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